III. Resolutions of the 41st Session, Trivandrum, 9-11 October, 1971.

Resolution III: The Indian Historical Records Commission places on record its appreciation of the steps taken by the National Archives of India during the last two years for expediting the compilation of reference media to the various series of the records in its custody. But, as the volume of records for which the reference media has to be prepared is very large, the Government of India is urged to sanction adequate staff for this essential aspect of archives administration. Similar programmes may be taken up by State Archives Departments also which face the same problem.

West Bengal: The work of compilation of the different types of reference media, viz. preparation of press lists, Descriptive lists, and consolidated Index etc. to the various series of records in the custody of the State Archives is being done regularly. Steps are being taken to expedite the work.

Jammu & Kashmir: The Department has already approached the Government to sanction adequate staff for preparation of reference media to the records in its custody. The programme will be taken up as and when the staff is sanctioned.

Orissa: The necessary steps have been taken for expediting the compilation of reference media to the various series of records in the Orissa State Archives. The preparation of reference media of Balasore revenue records is in progress and the work is expected to be completed by 15th November, 1975.

Tamil Nadu: The Resolution is under consideration of the Government.

Pondicherry: The Archives section of this Union Territory is in the initial stage of re-organisation. Steps are being taken to implement the Resolution gradually.

Resolution IV: Resolved that in the interest of completeness of official records of historical value, weeding of records at the various levels by untrained persons be stopped.

Jammu & Kashmir: The Resolution has been referred to the Government.

Karnataka: Efforts will be made to give effect to the Resolution at the appropriate time to the extent possible.

Pondicherry: The Archives section of this Union Territory is in the initial stage of reorganisation. Steps are being taken to implement the Resolution gradually.

Resolution V: The Commission is of the view that it is imparative to take all necessary steps to ensure the proper maintenance and preservation of all Public Records in the States, whether current, semi-current or non-current. The State Governments are, therefore, requested to implement urgently the recommendations already made by the Commission (vide Resolutions VII and XIII of the 38th Session) and (i) transfer all District Records more than 30 years old to the control of the State Archives, and (ii) declare their Directors of State Archives to be inspecting authority for the non-current records of the State Offices at all levels, as also of the local bodies viz. Municipalities, Zilla Parishads etc. in the State.

West Bengal: The matter is under consideration.

Jammu & Kashmir: The Government has already been approached in this behalf and action therefrom is awaited.

Orissa: Resolution is under active consideration of the Government.